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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RETRIEVING DATA

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract originally filed with the Substitute Abstract attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (ONCE AMENDED) A method for retrieving data, comprising:

a)   coupling a first computer to a second computer via a communication link;

b)   determining a location information for the second computer;

c)   retrieving data relevant to the location information by the first computer, using information from the second computer;

d)   adapting the location information on the first computer based on the site of the second computer.

2. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the location information is determined via a satellite navigation system.

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3. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the location information is determined via a cell-oriented communication network.

4. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein during retrieval of data, the first computer provides data which are relevant to the location information.

5. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second computer is a mobile unit.

6. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the data retrieved is data associated with a predetermined region around the site of the second computer.

7. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the data retrieved is selected from the group consisting of hotel information, taxi information, city guide information, regional event information, traffic information, travel agent information, and automatic cash dispenser information.

8. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the data retrieved is provided by service providers within the cell oriented communication network.

9. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein a plurality of first computers are provided which are connected to one another via a network.

10. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein
data provided with a location information attribute is searched during the retrieval of data, the location information attribute indicating a location, and
the retrieval is effected by identifying on the first computer those data having a location information attribute indicating location less than a predetermined distance from a location indicated by the location information determined for the second computer.

11. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising determining a route from a location associated with the data retrieved to a location indicated by the location information determined for the second computer.

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12. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the location associated with the data retrieved is determined indirectly from the retrieved data.

13. (ONCE AMENDED) A system for retrieving data, comprising:
a communication link to couple a first computer to a second computer;
a determination unit to determine location information for the second computer;
a retrieval device at the first computer to retrieve data relevant to the location information, using information from the second computer;
an updating unit to update the location information on the first computer based on the site of the second computer.

Please ADD the following claims.
14. (NEW) A system for first and second computers coupled by a communication link, comprising:
a determination unit to determine the location of the second computer;
a retrieval device at the first computer to retrieve data relevant to the location of the second computer, in response to information received from the second computer; and
an updating unit to update the location of the second computer within the first computer as the second computer moves.

15. (NEW) The system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the location of the second computer is determined via a satellite navigation system .

16. (NEW) The system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the location of the second computer is determined via a cell-oriented communication network.

17. (NEW) The system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the second computer is a mobile unit.

18. (NEW) The system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the data retrieved is selected from the group consisting of hotel information, taxi information, city guide information, regional event information, traffic information, travel agent information, and automatic cash dispenser information.

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19. (NEW) The system as claimed in claim 16, wherein the data retrieved is provided by service providers connected to the cell oriented communication network.

20. (NEW) The system as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a routing unit to determine a travel route from a location associated with the data retrieved to the location of the second computer.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the claims as originally filed. A substitute specification and marked-up copy of the original specification are enclosed. Also, a Letter to the Examiner Requesting Approval of Changes to the Drawings are enclosed. No new matter is added to these documents.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Please AMEND the following claims.

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b)   [in which] determining a location information [item of] for the second computer [is determined];

c)   [In which] retrieving data [which are] relevant [with regard] to the location information [are retrieved] by the first computer, using information from the second computer;

d)   [in which] adapting the location information [kept available] on the first computer [for the second computer dynamically adapts itself to] based on the site of the second computer.

2. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 1, [in which] wherein the location information is [obtained] determined via a satellite navigation system [(GPS)].

3. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 1, [in which] wherein the location information is [obtained] determined via a cell-oriented communication network.

4. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, [in which on] wherein during retrieval of [the] data, the first computer provides data which are [especially] relevant to the location information.

5. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, [in which] wherein the second computer is a mobile unit.

6. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, [in which those] wherein the data [which could be of significance for] retrieved is data associated with a predetermined region around the site of the second computer [are relevant with regard to the location information].

7. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in [one of the preceding claims] claim 1,

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[in which, in particular,] wherein the [following] data [are] retrieved is selected from the group consisting of hotel information, taxi information, city guide information, regional event information, traffic information, travel agent information, and automatic cash dispenser information.

[a]   hotel information;

b)   hire car;

c)   city guide;

d)   regional events;

e)   traffic information;

f)   travel agents;

g)   automatic cash dispensers.]

8. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in [one of] claim[s] 3 [to 7], [in which] wherein the data retrieved is provided by service providers [providing relevant data to the second computer, taking into consideration the location information, are provided in] within the cell oriented communication network.

9. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in [one of] claim[s] 3 [to 8], [in which] wherein a [number] plurality of first computers are provided which are connected to one another via a network.

10. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein

[a]   in which the]data [are] provided with [an "] a location information["] attribute is searched during the retrieval of data, the location information attribute indicating a location, and

[b]   in which] the [retriever] retrieval is effected by [determining] identifying on the first computer those data [which are at] having a location information attribute indicating location less than a predetermined distance from a location indicated by the location information determined for the second computer.

11. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, [in which local information of the data retrieved is used for] further comprising determining a route from a location associated with the data retrieved to a location indicated by the location information determined for the second computer [to the local information].

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12. (ONCE AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 11, [in which] wherein the [local information] location associated with the data retrieved is determined indirectly [by means of] from the retrieved data.

13. (ONCE AMENDED) A[n arrangement] system for retrieving data, comprising:

[a)   in which a first computer is coupled to a second computer via a communication link;

b)   in which a location information item of the second computer can be determined;

c)   in which data which are relevant with regard to the location information can be retrieved by the first computer, using the second computer;

d)   in which the location information kept available on the first computer for the second computer dynamically adapts itself to the site of the second computer.]

a communication link to couple a first computer to a second computer;

a determination unit to determine location information for the second computer;

a retrieval device at the first computer to retrieve data relevant to the location information, using information from the second computer;

an updating unit to update the location information on the first computer based on the site of the second computer.

Please ADD the following claims.

14. (NEW) A system for first and second computers coupled by a communication link, comprising:

a determination unit to determine the location of the second computer;

a retrieval device at the first computer to retrieve data relevant to the location of the second computer, in response to information received from the second computer; and

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18. (NEW) The system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the data retrieved is selected from the group consisting of hotel information, taxi information, city guide information, regional event information, traffic information, travel agent information, and automatic cash dispenser information.

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Abstract

A method for retrieving data is specified in which a first computer is coupled to a second computer via a communication link. A location information item of the second computer is determined. The second computer is used for retrieving data relevant with regard to the location information from the first computer.

MARKED-UP COPY OF ORIGINAL SPECIFICATION

[Description] <u>TITLE OF THE INVENTION</u>

METHOD AND [ARRANGEMENT] <u>SYSTEM</u> FOR RETRIEVING DATA

<u>CROSS REFERENCE TO THE RELATED APPLICATION</u>

[001] <u>This application is based on and hereby claims priority to PCT Application No. PCT/DE00/00400 filed on 10 February 2000 and German Application No. 199 06 210.2 filed on February 15, 1999 in Germany, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.</u>

<u>BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION</u>

[002] The invention relates to a method and <u>a system</u> [an arrangement] for retrieving data.

[003] Data retrieval is known from the application of a computer network, e.g. the Internet. Due to the volume of data in the computer network, the search for the data which are actually of interest and are relevant is in most cases extremely cumbersome. It is difficult for the user to obtain a suitable search result especially if the user does not know the actual filter for the search.

<u>SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION</u>

[004] It is the object of [the] <u>one aspect of the</u> invention to create a possibility for retrieving data in which a location information item is of assistance in a selective interrogation of the data and a user does not necessarily need to know the corresponding location information.

[005] [This object is achieved in accordance with the features of the independent claims. Further developments of the invention are also obtained form the dependent claims.]

[006] [To achieve this object, a]<u>A</u> method for retrieving data is specified in which a first computer is coupled to a second computer via a communication link. A location information item of the second computer is determined. The second computer is used by the first computer for retrieving data which are relevant with regard to the location information.

[007] The first computer can be used as a data server which keeps the location-related data available to the second computer. A site of the second computer can be optionally automatically determined and the first computer can be informed of this site by [means of] a location attribute

in the request of the second computer. The evaluation of the site on the first computer leads to the result of the interrogation, i.e. the data transmitted to the second computer, being relevant to the second computer with respect to their location information.

[008] As an alternative, the location information can also be predetermined. Thus, relevant location information can be retrieved already for a location of interest without the second computer actually having to be located at this location.

[009] Furthermore, the location information can be interrogated in a computer network [consisting of] having a number of first computers, e.g. the Internet, or selectively at a quite particular computer (data server).

[0010] The location information can be determined, in particular, via a satellite navigation system (Global Positioning System, G[B]PS) or a cell-oriented communication network (e.g. DECT or GSM radio network).

[0011] A further development [consists in that] relates to the second computer [is] being a mobile unit, especially in a vehicle. If the second computer is moving, the retrieved data can be dynamically adapted to a variable location information item. For example, it is possible to determine the current location of the second computer at predetermined times and to send an interrogation to the first computer together with this location information. The data retrieved can update the data previously retrieved.

[0012] A decisive advantage [consists in] that relates to the possibility during the interrogation, numerous regional services [can] may be offered with the automatically determined location information for the user without the latter having to worry about his position. There is a multiplicity of possible services which can be offered to the user with particular relevance to his site (for example the site of the mobile second computer carried by the user), examples of which are the following facilities: hotels, restaurants, automatic cash dispensers, travel agents. Furthermore, information can be provided about regional events, the traffic situation in the user's surroundings or tourist information about towns close by and/or sights. In particular, it should be pointed out that the user does not even need to know his site and is still offered the nearest destinations.

[0013] The interrogation is not restricted to a particular service but, enriched with the attribute of the location information, can cover several networks and/or services: thus, a search on the Internet can, on the one hand, supply the desired information with respect to sights close by [by means of] using the location information but the traffic information can be retrieved from a centralized traffic computer (the attribute of the location information in each case being used as a filter for the flood of possible information).

[0014] It should be pointed out again expressly that a determination of the location information for the second computer can have, in particular, three different modes:

- absolute position finding:
  by [means of] global navigation, e.g. by [means of] GPS[:];
- relative position finding:
  within a radio network, e.g. in a cluster of a DECT or GSM network; and
- predetermined:
  no automatic position finding depending on the actual location of the second computer but predetermination of the desired location for use as selective filter (attribute: location information on interrogation in the computer network and/or at the individual data server).

[001] In the case of finding the position, it is logical to retrieve from the first computer those data which are at a predetermined distance from the location information determined in the second computer with regard to a desired filter (e.g. hotels), e.g.: "all hotels at a distance of five kilometers from the current position". Using this inquiry, a search can be initiated via a suitable interface on the first computer and/or a computer network of a number of first computers. The result of the search is indicated to the user on the second computer. If necessary, it can further specify the search there or request additional information on the data found. It may also be possible to change the search services or computer/computer networks in order to obtain a different result. In practice, it is exactly the combination of a number of search services which guarantees a particularly satisfactory result.

[002] It should also be pointed out that the second computer can have a program which automatically edits data retrieved and/or initiates suitable inquiries at one or a number of computers and represents the edited result to the user. In this case, the logic of the search

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engine shifts into the second computer. Here, too, a combination of logic in the second computer and logic in the first computer can lead to a particularly good search result.

[003] The mobile unit can be, in particular:

- a mobile computer, e.g. a PDA (Personal Digital Assistant), a notebook or a radio telephone with an extended range of functions;
- a navigation computer in a vehicle; and
- a measuring computer in mobile use.

[004] Another embodiment [consists in that] relates to the retrieved data [has a]having a local information item (an additional location information item) which is used for determining a path from the location information to the local information.

[005] An example of this is the search for a movie theater nearest to the current location information. The retrieved data supply the nearest movie theater and its address. However, it may be difficult to determine the route to this theater. The route can be determined automatically in that the location information is used as a starting point and the local information is used as a destination point. It is then possible to determine a shortest or a quickest way, for example by [means of] a navigation system.

[006] It is also a further development that the local information is determined indirectly by [means of] the data retrieved. In this case, the data retrieved can comprise a user group. If the addresses of these users are not contained in the data retrieved, an inquiry can be made via an address data base (e.g. via a search for names). Once the address has been found, the current location information can be used as starting point and the address of a user of the group which has been determined can be used as a destination point for finding the route finding.

[007] The route is preferably found dynamically since the position of the second computer (and thus the location information) can change at predetermined times.

[008] In addition, for achieving the object, [an arrangement] a system for retrieving data is specified,

a)   in which a first computer is coupled to a second computer via a communication link; and

b)   in which a location information item of the second computer can be determined;

c)   in which data which are relevant with regard to the location information can be retrieved by the first computer, using the second computer.

[009] This [arrangement] system is particularly suitable for carrying out the method [according to the invention or one of its further developments explained] described above.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0010] [In the text which follows, exemplary embodiments of the invention are explained and illustrated by means of the drawing, in which:] These and other objects and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent and more readily appreciated from the following description of the preferred embodiments, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings of which:

[Figure] Fig. 1 shows a drawing which represents a block diagram with computers for retrieving data; and

[Figure] Fig. 2 shows a processor unit which can be used as first computer or as second computer.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

[0011] Reference will now be made in detail to the preferred embodiments of the present invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein like reference numerals refer to like elements throughout.

[0012] [Figure] Fig. 1 shows a drawing with a number of computers, a mobile computer 101 of which can retrieve data. The mobile computer 101 (second computer in the above description) retrieves data via a radio interface or a landline network connection (see connections 107 and 108) from at least one first computer (computer 102 or computer network 103 with the computers 104, 105 and 106 in Figure 1). The data are relevant to a location information item determined by the mobile computer 101 (see attributes 109 and 110). As a result of the inquiry provided with the location information, the computers (102 or, respectively, 104 to 106) supply data which have a particular relevance with regard to the location information. The location information is automatically determined by the mobile computer 101: the position can be found in absolute terms by [means of] satellite navigation and in relative terms, the position is found

by the location information of the current cell in a radio network. As an alternative, the location information can also be manually predetermined. In the computers 102 or, respectively, 104 to 106, the location information is taken into consideration transparently, i.e. the "location information" attribute is used as special filter during the interrogation by the mobile computer. The way in which a value has been allocated to the attribute is of no importance to the computers 102, 104, 105 and 106 (transparent service).

[0013] [Figure] Fig. 2 shows a processor unit PRZE. The processor unit PRZE comprises a processor CPU, a memory [SPE] MEM and an input/output interface IOS which is used in different ways via an interface IFC: an output is displayed on a monitor MON and/or output on a printer PRT via a graphical interface. Input is performed via a mouse MAS or a keyboard TAST. The processor unit PRZE also has a databus BUS which provides the connection of [a] the memory [MRM] MEM, the processor CPU and the input/out interface IOS. Furthermore, additional components, e.g. additional memory, data storage (hard disk) or scanners can be connected to the databus BUS.

[0014] The invention has been described in detail with particular reference to preferred embodiments thereof and examples, but it will be understood that variations and modifications can be effected within the spirit and scope of the invention.

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  no automatic position finding depending on the actual location of the second

computer but predetermination of the desired location for use as selective filter (attribute: location information on interrogation in the computer network and/or at the individual data server).

[0014] In the case of finding the position, it is logical to retrieve from the first computer those data which are at a predetermined distance from the location information determined in the second computer with regard to a desired filter (e.g. hotels), e.g.:"all hotels at a distance of five kilometers from the current position". Using this inquiry, a search can be initiated via a suitable interface on the first computer and/or a computer network of a number of first computers. The result of the search is indicated to the user on the second computer. If necessary, it can further specify the search there or request additional information on the data found. It may also be possible to change the search services or computer/computer networks in order to obtain a different result. In practice, it is exactly the combination of a number of search services which guarantees a particularly satisfactory result.

[0015] It should also be pointed out that the second computer can have a program which automatically edits data retrieved and/or initiates suitable inquiries at one or a number of computers and represents the edited result to the user. In this case, the logic of the search

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engine shifts into the second computer. Here, too, a combination of logic in the second computer and logic in the first computer can lead to a particularly good search result.

[0016] The mobile unit can be, in particular:

- a mobile computer, e.g. a PDA (Personal Digital Assistant), a notebook or a radio telephone with an extended range of functions;
- a navigation computer in a vehicle; and
- a measuring computer in mobile use.

[0017] Another embodiment relates to the retrieved data having a local information item (an additional location information item) which is used for determining a path from the location information to the local information.

[0018] An example of this is the search for a movie theater nearest to the current location information. The retrieved data supply the nearest movie theater and its address. However, it may be difficult to determine the route to this theater. The route can be determined automatically in that the location information is used as a starting point and the local information is used as a destination point. It is then possible to determine a shortest or a quickest way, for example by a navigation system.

[0019] It is also a further development that the local information is determined indirectly by the data retrieved. In this case, the data retrieved can comprise a user group. If the addresses of these users are not contained in the data retrieved, an inquiry can be made via an address data base (e.g. via a search for names). Once the address has been found, the current location information can be used as starting point and the address of a user of the group which has been determined can be used as a destination point for finding the route finding.

[0020] The route is preferably found dynamically since the position of the second computer (and thus the location information) can change at predetermined times.

[0021] In addition, for achieving the object, a system for retrieving data is specified,

    a)   in which a first computer is coupled to a second computer via a communication link; and

    b)   in which a location information item of the second computer can be determined;

c)   in which data which are relevant with regard to the location information can be retrieved by the first computer, using the second computer.

[0022] This system is particularly suitable for carrying out the method described above.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0023] These and other objects and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent and more readily appreciated from the following description of the preferred embodiments, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings of which:

Fig. 1 shows a drawing which represents a block diagram with computers for retrieving data; and

Fig. 2 shows a processor unit which can be used as first computer or as second computer.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

[0024] Reference will now be made in detail to the preferred embodiments of the present invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein like reference numerals refer to like elements throughout.

[0025] Fig. 1 shows a drawing with a number of computers, a mobile computer 101 of which can retrieve data. The mobile computer 101 (second computer in the above description) retrieves data via a radio interface or a landline network connection (see connections 107 and 108) from at least one first computer (computer 102 or computer network 103 with the computers 104, 105 and 106 in Figure 1). The data are relevant to a location information item determined by the mobile computer 101 (see attributes 109 and 110). As a result of the inquiry provided with the location information, the computers (102 or, respectively, 104 to 106) supply data which have a particular relevance with regard to the location information. The location information is automatically determined by the mobile computer 101: the position can be found in absolute terms by satellite navigation and in relative terms, the position is found by the location information of the current cell in a radio network. As an alternative, the location information can also be manually predetermined. In the computers 102 or, respectively, 104 to 106, the location information is taken into consideration transparently, i.e. the "location information" attribute is used as special filter during the interrogation by the mobile computer.

The way in which a value has been allocated to the attribute is of no importance to the computers 102, 104, 105 and 106 (transparent service).

[0026] Fig. 2 shows a processor unit PRZE. The processor unit PRZE comprises a processor CPU, a memory MEM and an input/output interface IOS which is used in different ways via an interface IFC: an output is displayed on a monitor MON and/or output on a printer PRT via a graphical interface. Input is performed via a mouse MAS or a keyboard TAST. The processor unit PRZE also has a databus BUS which provides the connection of the memory MEM, the processor CPU and the input/out interface IOS. Furthermore, additional components, e.g. additional memory, data storage (hard disk) or scanners can be connected to the databus BUS.

[0027] The invention has been described in detail with particular reference to preferred embodiments thereof and examples, but it will be understood that variations and modifications can be effected within the spirit and scope of the invention.

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Description

Method and arrangement for retrieving data

5   The invention relates to a method and an arrangement
     for retrieving data.

     Data retrieval is known from the application of a
     computer network, e.g. the Internet. Due to the volume
10   of data in the computer network, the search for the
     data which are actually of interest and are relevant is
     in most cases extremely cumbersome. It is difficult for
     the user to obtain a suitable search result especially
     if the user does not know the actual filter for the
15   search.

     It is the object of the invention to create a
     possibility for retrieving data in which a location
     information item is of assistance in a selective
20   interrogation of the data and a user does not
     necessarily need to know the corresponding location
     information.

     This object is achieved in accordance with the features
25   of the independent claims. Further developments of the
     invention are also obtained from the dependent claims.

     To achieve this object, a method for retrieving data is
     specified in which a first computer is coupled to a
30   second computer via a communication link. A location
     information item of the second computer is determined.
     The second computer is used by the first computer for
     retrieving data which are relevant with regard to the
     location information.

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     The first computer can be used as a data server which
     keeps the location-related data available to the second

computer. A site of the second computer can be optionally automatically

determined and the first computer can be informed of this site by means of a location attribute in the request of the second computer. The evaluation of the site on the first computer leads to the result of the

5   interrogation, i.e. the data transmitted to the second computer, being relevant to the second computer with respect to their location information.

As an alternative, the location information can also be

10 predetermined. Thus, relevant location information can be retrieved already for a location of interest without the second computer actually having to be located at this location.

15 Furthermore, the location information can be interrogated in a computer network consisting of a number of first computers, e.g. the Internet, or selectively at a quite particular computer (data server).

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The location information can be determined, in particular, via a satellite navigation system (Global Positioning System, GBS) or a cell-oriented communication network (e.g. DECT or GSM radio network).

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A further development consists in that the second computer is a mobile unit, especially in a vehicle. If the second computer is moving, the retrieved data can be dynamically adapted to a variable location

30 information item. For example, it is possible to determine the current location of the second computer at predetermined times and to send an interrogation to the first computer together with this location information. The data retrieved can update the data

35 previously retrieved.

A decisive advantage consists in that during the interrogation, numerous regional services can be

offered with the automatically determined location
information for the user without the latter having to
worry about his position. There is

a multiplicity of possible services which can be offered to the user with particular relevance to his site (for example the site of the mobile second computer carried by the user), examples of which are
5   the following facilities: hotels, restaurants, automatic cash dispensers, travel agents. Furthermore, information can be provided about regional events, the traffic situation in the user's surroundings or tourist information about towns close by and/or sights. In
10 particular, it should be pointed out that the user does not even need to know his site and is still offered the nearest destinations.

The interrogation is not restricted to a particular
15 service but, enriched with the attribute of the location information, can cover several networks and/or services: thus, a search on the Internet can, on the one hand, supply the desired information with respect to sights close by by means of the location information
20 but the traffic information can be retrieved from a centralized traffic computer (the attribute of the location information in each case being used as a filter for the flood of possible information).

25 It should be pointed out again expressly that a determination of the location information for the second computer can have, in particular, three different modes:
  • absolute position finding:
30   by means of global navigation, e.g. by means of GPS:
  • relative position finding:
       within a radio network, e.g. in a cluster of a DECT or GSM network;
35 • predetermined:
       no automatic position finding depending on the actual location of the second computer but

predetermination of the desired location for
use as selective filter (attribute: location
information on

interrogation in the computer network and/or at
the individual data server).

In the case of finding the position, it is logical to
5   retrieve from the first computer those data which are
at   a   predetermined   distance   from   the   location
information   determined   in   the   second   computer   with
regard to a desired filter (e.g. hotels), e.g.: "all
hotels   at   a   distance   of   five   kilometers   from   the
10   current position". Using this inquiry, a search can be
initiated   via   a   suitable   interface   on   the   first
computer and/or a computer network of a number of first
computers. The result of the search is indicated to the
user   on   the   second   computer.   If   necessary,   it   can
15   further specify the search there or request additional
information on the data found. It may also be possible
to   change   the   search   services   or   computer/computer
networks   in   order   to   obtain   a   different   result.   In
practice, it is exactly the combination of a number of
20   search   services   which   guarantees   a   particularly
satisfactory result.

It should also be pointed out that the second computer
can   have   a   program   which   automatically   edits   data
25   retrieved and/or initiates suitable inquiries at one or
a number of computers and represents the edited result
to the user. In this case, the logic of the search
engine shifts into the second computer. Here, too, a
combination of logic in the second computer and logic
30   in the first computer can lead to a particularly good
search result.

The mobile unit can be, in particular:
- a mobile computer, e.g. a PDA (Personal Digital
35   Assistant), a notebook or a radio telephone with
an extended range of functions;
- a navigation computer in a vehicle;
- a measuring computer in mobile use.

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Another embodiment consists in that the retrieved data
has a local information item (an additional location
information item) which is used for determining a path
from the location information to the local information.

5   An example of this is the search for a movie theater
nearest to the current location information. The
retrieved data supply the nearest movie theater and its
address. However, it may be difficult to determine the
route to this theater. The route can be determined

10 automatically in that the location information is used
as a starting point and the local information is used
as a destination point. It is then possible to
determine a shortest or a quickest way, for example by
means of a navigation system.

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It is also a further development that the local
information is determined indirectly by means of the
data retrieved. In this case, the data retrieved can
comprise a user group. If the addresses of these users

20 are not contained in the data retrieved, an inquiry can
be made via an address data base (e.g. via a search for
names). Once the address has been found, the current
location information can be used as starting point and
the address of a user of the group which has been

25 determined can be used as destination point for finding
the route finding.

The route is preferably found dynamically since the
position of the second computer (and thus the location

30 information) can change at predetermined times.

In addition, for achieving the object, an arrangement
for retrieving data is specified,
    a) in which a first computer is coupled to a

35   second computer via a communication link;
    b) in which a location information item of the
        second computer can be determined;

c) in which data which are relevant with regard to the location information can be retrieved by the first computer, using the second computer.

5   This arrangement is particularly suitable for carrying out the method according to the invention or one of its further developments explained above.

In the text which follows, exemplary embodiments of the
10 invention are explained and illustrated by means of the drawing, in which:

Figure 1   shows a drawing which represents a block diagram with computers for retrieving data;

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Figure 2   shows a processor unit which can be used as first computer or as second computer.

Figure 1 shows a drawing with a number of computers, a
20 mobile computer 101 of which can retrieve data. The mobile computer 101 (second computer in the above description) retrieves data via a radio interface or a landline network connection (see connections 107 and 108) from at least one first computer (computer 102 or
25 computer network 103 with the computers 104, 105 and 106 in Figure 1). The data are relevant to a location information item determined by the mobile computer 101 (see attributes 109 and 110). As a result of the inquiry provided with the location information, the
30 computers (102 or, respectively, 104 to 106) supply data which have a particular relevance with regard to the location information. The location information is automatically determined by the mobile computer 101: the position can be found in absolute terms by means of
35 satellite navigation and in relative terms, the position is found by the location information of the current cell in a radio network. As an alternative, the

location   information   can   also   be   manually
predetermined. In the computers 102 or, respectively,
104 to 106, the location information is taken into
consideration   transparently,   i.e.   the   ''location

5   information'' attribute is used as special filter
during the interrogation by the mobile computer. The
way in which a value has been allocated to the
attribute is of no importance to the computers 102,
104, 105 and 106 (transparent service).

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Figure 2 shows a processor unit PRZE. The processor
unit PRZE comprises a processor CPU, a memory SPE and
an   input/output   interface   IOS   which   is   used   in
different ways via an interface IFC: an output is

15   displayed on a monitor MON and/or output on a printer
PRT via a graphical interface. Input is performed via a
mouse MAS or a keyboard TAST. The processor unit PRZE
also has a databus BUS which provides the connection of
a memory MRM, the processor CPU and the input/out

20   interface IOS. Furthermore, additional components, e.g.
additional memory, data storage (hard disk) or scanners
can be connected to the databus BUS.

Patent Claims

1. A method for retrieving data
   a) in which a first computer is coupled to a
      second computer via a communication link;
   b) in which a location information item of the
      second computer is determined;
   c) in which data which are relevant with regard to
      the location information are retrieved by the
      first computer, using the second computer;
   d) in which the location information kept
      available on the first computer for the second
      computer dynamically adapts itself to the site
      of the second computer.

2. The method as claimed in claim 1, in which the
   location information is determined via a satellite
   navigation system (GPS).

3. The method as claimed in claim 1, in which the
   location information is obtained via a cell-
   oriented communication network.

4. The method as claimed in one of the preceding
   claims, in which on retrieval of the data, the
   first computer provides data which are especially
   relevant to the location information.

5. The method as claimed in one of the preceding
   claims, in which the second computer is a mobile
   unit.

6. The method as claimed in one of the preceding
   claims, in which those data which could be of
   significance for a predetermined region around the
   site of the second computer are relevant with
   regard to the location information.

7.   The method as claimed in one of the preceding
      claims, in which, in particular, the following
      data are retrieved:
      a) hotel information;
      b) hire car;
      c) city guide;
      d) regional events;
      e) traffic information;
      f) travel agents;
      g) automatic cash dispensers.

8.   The method as claimed in one of claims 3 to 7, in
      which service providers providing relevant data to
      the second computer, taking into consideration the
      location   information,   are   provided   in   the
      communication network.

9.   The method as claimed in one of claims 3 to 8, in
      which a number of first computers are provided
      which are connected to one another via a network.

10.   The method as claimed in one of the preceding
      claims,
      a) in which the data are provided with an
         ``location information'' attribute and
      b) in which the retriever is effected by
         determining on the first computer those data
         which are at less than a predetermined distance
         from the location information.

11.   The method as claimed in one of the preceding
      claims, in which local information of the data
      retrieved is used for determining a route from the
      location information to the local information.

12.   The method as claimed in claim 11, in which the
      local information is determined indirectly by
      means of the retrieved data.

13. An arrangement for retrieving data,

a) in which a first computer is coupled to a second computer via a communication link;

b) in which a location information item of the second computer can be determined;

c) in which data which are relevant with regard to the location information can be retrieved by the first computer, using the second computer;

d) in which the location information kept available on the first computer for the second computer dynamically adapts itself to the site of the second computer.

FIG 1

R1a — 102

109

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R2

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Mobile computer   110

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Computer network
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104 — R1b ⟷ R1c — 105

R1d — 106

FIG 2

MEM

Memory

Monitor — MON

Input/Output

Printer — PRT

CPU

Mouse — MAS

IOS

IFC

Keyboard — TAST

PRZE

BUS
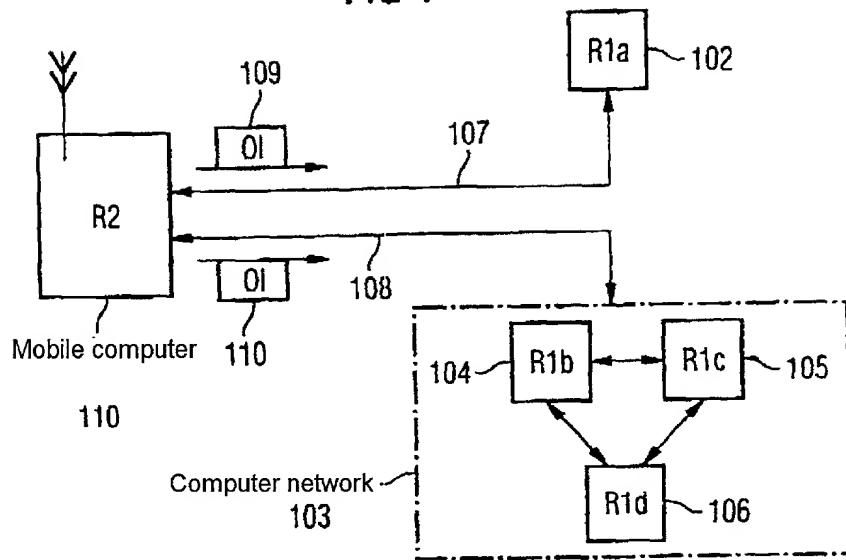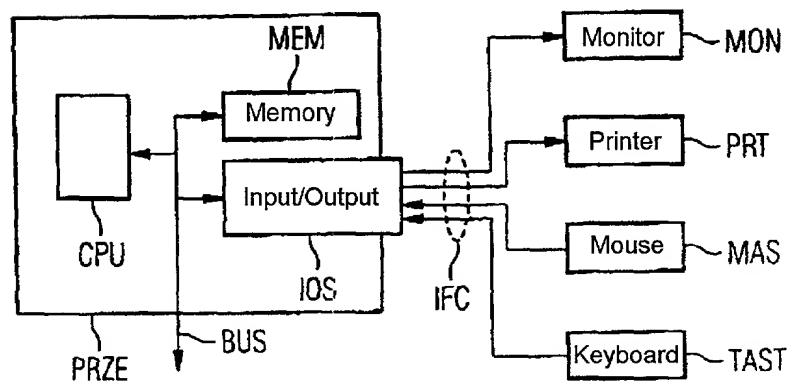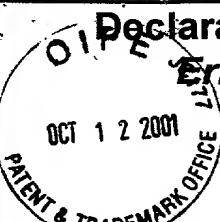
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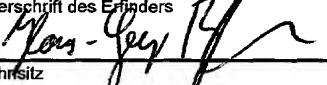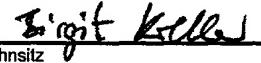
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